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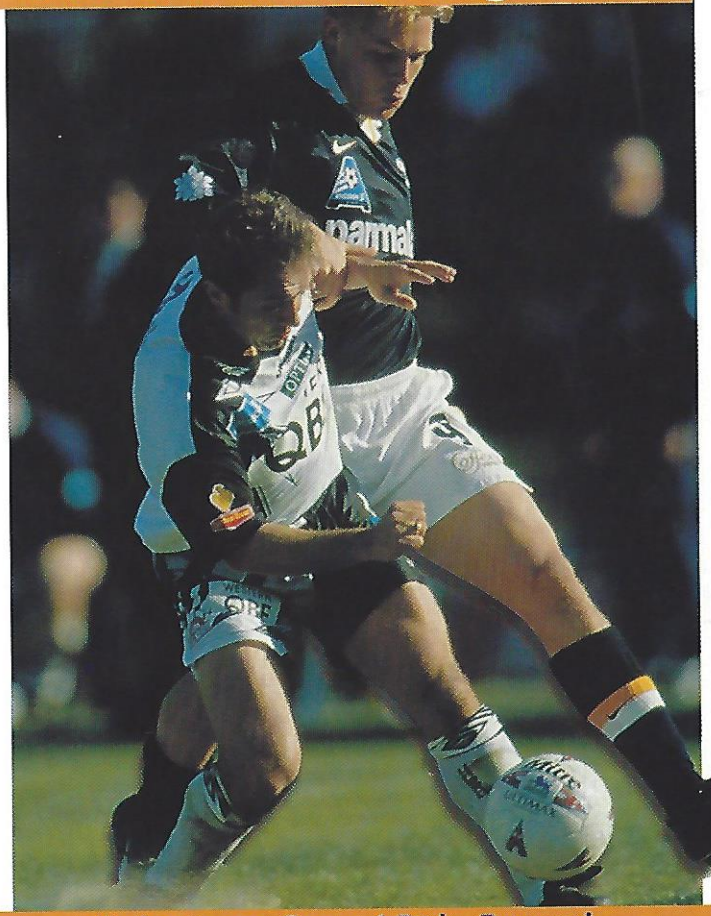

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Chairman of Perth Glory

WELCOME to our visitors from Carlton. Last year we were the "new kids on the block", so we know what you are experiencing. Congratulations on your success on the field to date.

There are many joys that come with being Chairman of Perth Glory. Our last home game against Sydney United showed the rest of Australia why we have the best fans in the land.

We had a record crowd, The Hill sang their hearts out with all the "good" songs and cut out the vulgar bits. The southern stand joined in the singing, in fact all the ground were very involved. To all of you we say thank you!

Regrettably our boys did not deliver on the park. For that we apologise.

Based on the effort the boys put in their game in Sydney last Sunday I am sure each and every one of them will be out to make amends today.

During the week Perth Glory featured on SBS with our view on where the national league is going and I am pleased to say that the powers to be are taking note. Our success will be the catalyst for change in Australian soccer.

Congratulations Perth – well done, you have again made a nation take note that the way of the west is the best.

On to Glory!

Nick Tana, Chairman

COVER PHOTO

Glory's Ernie Tapai and Daniel Allsopp of Carlton contest possession in the opening fixture of the season.

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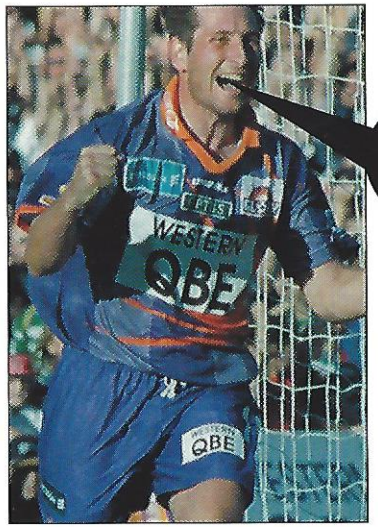

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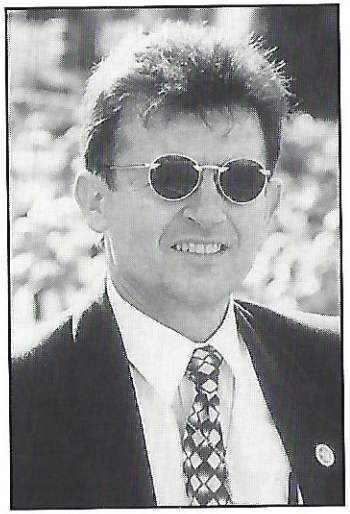

WE welcome Ericsson Cup newcomers Carlton to Perth. Carlton are currently third on the ladder with Glory in fifth position. Eleven clubs are still in contention for a top six berth with seven points separating 10th placed Gippsland Falcons and third-placed Adelaide City. A win today will lift Glory into fourth position.

A positive performance last week against league leaders Sydney United should restore confidence for the Carlton clash. A pleasing aspect of the match was the return of Michael Garcia, who has had a frustrating start to his Glory career having had a knee operation in the off season.

New signing Troy Halpin, younger brother of Scott, will add creativity to the Glory midfield and we all wish him a successful career back in WA. Troy previously had played one season with Stirling Macedonia in the state league. Troy was selected by fellow Ericsson Cup players to be in the top five outstanding players of the 1996-97 season. We are confident that he will have an instant impact with the Glory.

Hopefully Ernie Tapai will return from injury as well to give Glory a strong attacking unit. Carlton have excellent players in "big" John Markovski up front and Kresimir Marusic, the NSL Player of the Year, in midfield.

We are extremely grateful for the tremendous crowd support and we hope to produce a positive and convincing performance today.

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Gary Marocchi – Coach

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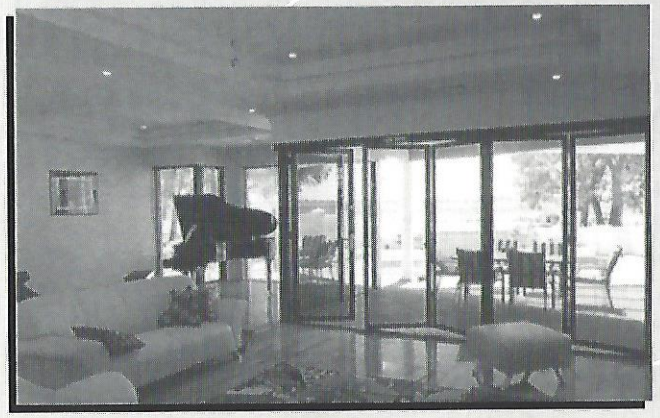

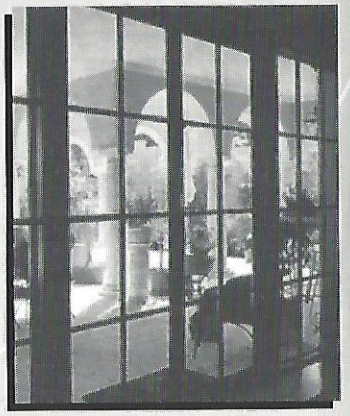

ROUND 14 ROUND-UP

PERTH Glory's Ericsson Cup play-off aspirations have been revived after last Sunday's gutsy 0-0 draw against league leaders Sydney United in the reverse fixture at Parramatta Stadium. An outstanding performance from the Glory rearguard, especially goalkeeper Tony Franken, and debutant midfield dynamo Michael Garcia, ensured the Perth team would not duplicate their ineffectual showing against a 10-man Pumas side at Perth Oval the previous week.

In fact, with Sydney goal-ace Abbas Saad and stopper Richard Plesa out through suspension, and player-coach David Mitchell sidelined with a knee injury, the Glory must have felt the chances of exacting revenge on their opponents would have been pretty good.

The closest they came to scoring was in the 77th minute when Bobby Despotovski actually netted a clever Samson Siasia pass, only to be ruled offside. The television replay however, showed the striker clearly in an on-side position at the point when Siasia pushed the ball over the Sydney defence.

The best chance for the home side was ten minutes into the game when 21 year-old Nic Bosevski was through, but Franken was quick to smother the striker's attack.

South Melbourne remain in second spot despite losing 3-1 to Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium in the clash of Perth brothers Jason and Michael Petkovic. The Lakers were the first to find the net in the 19th minute when some fine build-up play from Bill Damianos was finished off by Dave Clarkson who calmly slotted the ball under the advancing Jason Petkovic. At the other end, brother Michael had the first of three put past him eleven minutes later when Damian Mori lined up Michael Brooks to score. It was 2-1 in the 72nd minute when Lakers defender Tansel Baser was unable to avoid deflecting a Mori header into his own net, and Mori completed the scoring himself five minutes from the end with a superb solo run that started from the half-way line. It was the Socceroo's 100th goal in the national league competition and one that was enjoyed by the weekends largest crowd of 6115. Carlton are in third position after a hard-fought 1-0 win over the Wollongong Wolves at Optus Oval last Saturday where there was an attendance of just 2371. A 21st minute dead-ball kick pumped upfield by goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis was gathered by John Markovski on the edge of the Wolves box, the big front-man then swivelled around his marker George Souris and finished the move off with a fierce grass-cutter past Adam Brodbeck.

Melbourne Knights are finally starting a positive charge towards the play-offs zone, despite an

Anthony Franken made many brilliant saves against Sydney United last week.

unattractive 1-0 victory over the Adelaide Sharks who were without the leagues leading goalscorer Pablo Cardozo. The goal came in the ninth minute from Zeljko Susa and left the Sharks still without an away win this season. The horror run of defending champions Brisbane Strikers continued last Saturday when they went down 2-1 to Gippsland Falcons, the only team with two wins from the last two rounds. Rod Brown gave the Strikers the perfect start to the second-half when he headed home a Kasey Wehrman centre, but the Falcons stunned the luckless Strikers, who were minus their player-coach Frank Farina, with two goals from Archie Thompson, who celebrated his Olyroo call-up by scoring in the 73rd and 88th minutes. Marconi-Fairfield squandered a chance to enter the top-six when they drew 0-0 with bottom side Newcastle Breakers at the Topper Stadium. A crowd of 3,892 was on hand to see Troy Halpin play his final game for the Breakers before heading West to the Glory. The unlikely big winners of the round was Canberra Cosmos who thrashed UTS Olympic 8-1 at Seiffert Oval last Monday night. Peter Buljan netted a hat-trick, Ante Moric and Ilija Prenzoski each put away a brace, and Lindsay Wilson scored a single. Olympic, who had defender Hussein Jomaa sent-off in the 34th minute managed a consolation goal 8 minutes from time, scored by Norm Tome.

A Round 8 catch-up fixture was played at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday evening with Adelaide City easy victors over Newcastle, 4-0. A crowd of just under 3500 saw scoring sensation Damian Mori net a quality hat-trick which lifted him to the top of the goalscorers board with West Adelaide Sharks' Pablo Cardozo on 11 goals. Michael Brooks netted the other goal.

Richard Kreider

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Glory to seek revenge

A CONFIDENT Perth Glory will be out to reverse the result from the opening fixture of the season when it meets Carlton today.

Glory lost 2-1 to the Ericsson Cup newcomers last October.

Carlton have been inconsistent recently with goal-less draws with Newcastle Breakers and Gippsland Falcons, and successive losses to South Melbourne and Wollongong Wolves – so today's encounter is vital for both clubs.

Glory are likely to have busy midfielder, Ernie Tapai, back in the action after being away with the Socceroos. He last pulled on a Glory shirt on November 30 in the loss to Gippsland.

His influence was sadly missed during December and a return to the starting line-up today would be a boost to team morale.

Troy Halpin completed his transfer from Newcastle during last week and coach Gary Marocchi may rush the talented newcomer into a midfield that has appeared languid in recent weeks.

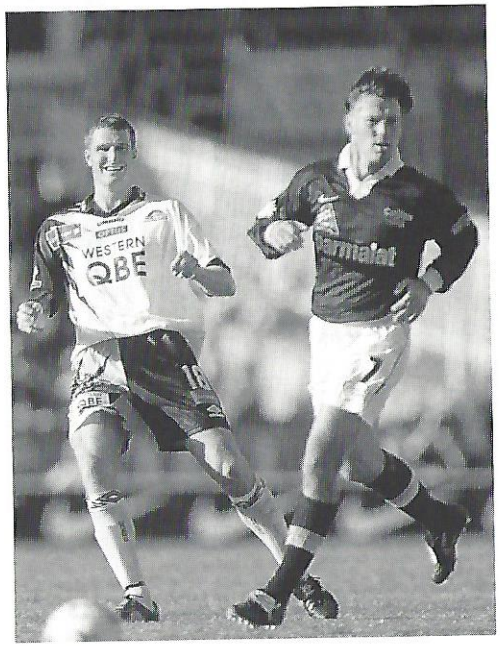
The younger Halpin is no stranger to WA – he had a season with Stirling in the local league in 1994 and scored 14 goals.

Marocchi must be pleased that goalkeeper Anthony Franken is in outstanding form and his display against Sydney United last Sunday was of the highest order.

Other positives for Glory was the debut of Michael Garcia, and the continued progress of James Afkos, although the latter may find himself on the bench today.

But Marocchi will be hoping that the strike force of Bobby Despotovski and Samson Siasia can turn half-chances into goals.

If Carlton decide to play attacking soccer today, then Glory could come away with the maximum points. It seems that when opposition sit back and absorb the attacks, Glory generally struggles.



Glory's Danny Hay and Kresimir Marusic in action on the opening game of the season.

Carlton coach, Eddie Krncevic, is an advocate of going forward at all times, and so far it has paid dividends by being in third place.

The flamboyant Krncevic has gathered an experienced squad of players, including the prize signing of the 1996-97 player of the year, Kresimir Marusic. The gifted midfielder was instrumental in Sydney United reaching last season's grand final, and he's carried on his excellent form with Carlton.

The main danger for Glory may be a much slimmer John Markovski. He is a renowned goalscorer and is lethal inside the penalty area and in dead ball situations.

Others that could make things difficult for Glory include Lubo Lapsansky, Andy Vlahos, Daniel Allsop and Marcus Stergiopoulos.

A tough encounter is expected, but if Glory can produce a similar display to last week, then a narrow home win is likely.

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Oct 4	Carlton	3.00pm	1-2	5,897	P		P(1)	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P				S		P	P				
Oct 12	**Adelaide City**	**4.00pm**	1-4	17,673	P		S	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P					P(1)		P	P			
Oct 18	Brisbane Strikers	7.00pm	1-0	4,502	P		P	P	P	P	P		P	P(1)	P				S	P		P				
Oct 26	**Melbourne Knights**	**4.00pm**	3-2	14,384	P		P		P	P	P		P	P(1)	P	S			P	P(1)	S(1)	P				
Oct 31	Newcastle Breakers	7.30pm	3-2	4,183	P			S	P	P	P(1)	P	P(1)	P(1)	P				P	P	S	P				
Nov 9	**UTS Olympic**	**4.00pm**	1-0	16,905				P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P				S	P(1)	S	P	P	P		
Nov 15	Marconi Fairfield	7.00pm	1-0	5,628	P			P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P					P		P	P(1)			
Nov 23	**Adelaide Sharks**	**4.00pm**	2-2	17,030	P			P	P	P	P	S	P	P					S	P	S	P	P		P(1)	
Nov 30	Gippsland Falcons	6.00pm	1-2	2,008	P			P	P	P	P	S	P		P					P(1)	P	P	P		S	
Dec 7	**South Melbourne**	**5.00pm**	4-1	15,379	P				P	P	P(1)	S	P	P(1)		S			P	P	P(1)	P(1)	P		S	
Dec 14	**Wollongong**	**5.00pm**	0-3	15,080	P			P	P	P	P	P		P		S			S	P	P	P	P		S	
Dec 21	**Canberra Cosmos**	**5.00pm**	1-1	12,174	P	P		P		P(1)		P					P		P	P	P	P		S	P	S
Dec 28	**Sydney United**	**5.00pm**	0-2	17,764		S		P	P	P	P	P		P			P			P	P	P	S	P		
Jan 2	Sydney United	4.30pm*	0-0	5,532				P	P	P	P			P			S	P		P	P	P	P	P		
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* Note Perth Time P = Played S = Substitute (1) = Goals Home games in **Bold**

Appearances and Goals

No.	Name	1996/97 App	1996/97 Sub	1996/97 Gls	1997/98 App	1997/98 Sub	1997/98 Gls	Totals App	Totals Gls
1	Tom MARAS	8	1	-	11	-	-	20	-
2	Vladimir BERETOVAC	6	8	-	1	1	-	16	-
3	Craig NAVEN	25	-	-	3	1	1	29	1
4	Gavin WILKINSON	21	3	3	11	1	-	36	3
5	Vinko BULJUBASIC	25	-	-	13	-	-	38	-
6	Gareth NAVEN	25	-	1	14	-	1	39	2
7	Scott MILLER	26	-	2	13	-	2	39	4
8	Paul McVITTIE	25	-	2	4	7	-	36	2
9	Paul STRUDWICK	21	2	7	10	-	1	33	8
10	Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	23	-	14	12	-	4	35	18
11	Ernie TAPAI	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	-
12	Doug ITHIER	9	3	-	-	3	-	15	-
13	James AFKOS	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	-
14	Michael GARCIA	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
15	Peter VUKMIROVIC	1	6	-	4	5	-	16	-
16	Samson SIASIA	-	-	-	13	-	3	13	3
17	Scott HALPIN	-	-	-	7	4	2	11	2
18	Danny HAY	-	-	-	14	-	1	14	1
19	Anthony CARBONE	8	-	1	8	1	1	17	2
20	Tony FRANKEN	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	-
21	Peter ANOSIKE	-	-	-	2	3	1	5	1
22	Simon HARLAND	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

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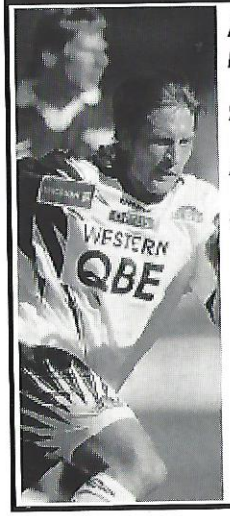

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South Melbourne	14	7	5	2	32	21	26
Adelaide City	11	8	0	3	25	12	24
Carlton SC	14	6	5	3	18	14	23
Perth Glory	**14**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**19**	**21**	**21**
Wollongong	13	6	1	6	29	14	19
Melbourne Knights	13	5	4	4	18	15	19
Marconi-Fairfield	14	5	3	6	14	20	18
West Adelaide	13	5	2	6	19	21	17
Gippsland	14	4	5	5	9	15	17
UTS Olympic	14	5	2	7	15	26	17
Brisbane Strikers	14	4	0	10	10	17	12
Canberra Cosmos	14	2	6	6	18	28	12
Newcastle	14	1	5	8	14	27	8

Ericsson Cup Leading Goalscorers

11 Pablo Cardozo (Adelaide Sharks)
11 Damien Mori (Adelaide City)
10 Scott Chipperfield (Wollongong Wolves)
8 Abbas Saad (Sydney United)
9 Norm Tome (UTS Olympic)
6 Clayton Zane (Newcastle)
5 David Mitchell (Sydney United)
5 Tom Pondeljak (Melbourne Knights)
5 Anthony Surjan (Wollongong)
4 Bobby Despotovski (Perth Glory)
4 Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)
3 Samson Siasia (Perth Glory)

Round 15 Ericsson Cup Games

Saturday, January 10	Marconi Fairfield	_____ v	UTS Olympic	_____
	Gippsland Falcons	_____ v	Melbourne Knights	_____
Sunday, January 11	South Melbourne	_____ v	Brisbane Strikers	_____
	Wollongong City	_____ v	Adelaide City	_____
	Sydney United	_____ v	Canberra Cosmos	_____
	Adelaide Sharks	_____ v	Newcastle Breakers	_____

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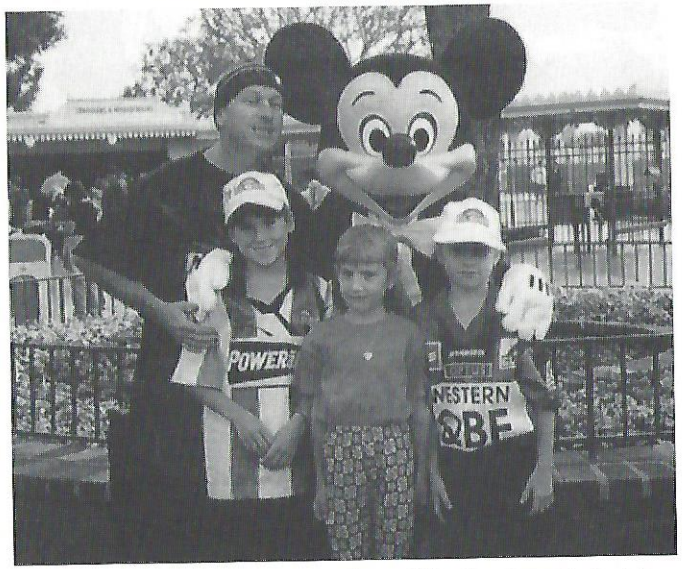

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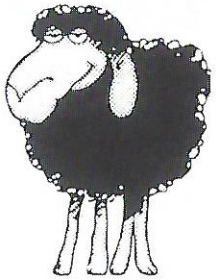

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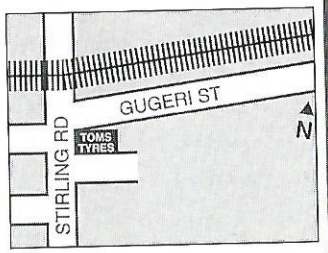

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Gavin Wilkinson on wheels.

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PERTH Glory players competed in a challenge match against the kids from Rocky Bay Village. Gavin Wilkinson, Danny Hay, Scott Miller, Vinko Buljubasic, Tony Carbone and Scott Halpin were not good enough to match it with the kids at their own game. The score was Rocky Bay Village 5 and Perth Glory 3.

RIGHT: The Glory Boys discuss tactics.

The Glory Family Day

Come and share in the fun and games at the club's first ever Glory Family Day. All supporters club members are invited to Perth Oval on Sunday 15th February 1998 to join the players and coaching staff for a free sausage sizzle, including free Coca-Cola or Harvey Fresh drink and Peters ice cream. Members will receive their vouchers in the Glory Gazette this week.

There will also be a band and competitions, including the chance to measure the speed of your kick for goal against the Glory players.

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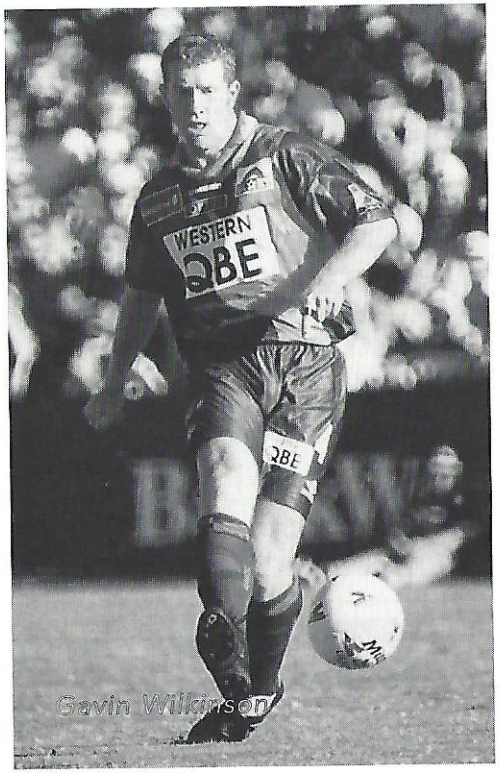
Kiwi caps for Gavin and Danny

GAVIN Wilkinson and Danny Hay have both been rewarded for their recent solid performances in the Glory back-line, by gaining selection in the New Zealand national squad for two friendly games early next month. The Kiwis will take on Chile and South Korea on the 4th and 7th of February in Auckland, before their opponents cross the Tasman to play in the Optus Four-Nation Tournament with Japan and Australia a few days later. The Glory will not be panicking about their absence because the Ericsson Cup competition takes a two week break during that time.



Gavin Wilkinson

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Welcome aboard Troy

LAST Tuesday's signing of Newcastle Breakers dynamic attacking midfielder Troy Halpin has now put a third set of brothers on the Glory books in under two seasons, following the Wingell's Dale (now with Canberra) and Marc (released), and the Naven twins Craig (retired) and captain Gareth.

Troy, older brother of Scott, and one of the top-five players nominated for the 1996/97 NSL Player of the Year award, made his final appearance for the Breakers against Marconi last Friday, thus lowering the curtain on a meritorious stay of over eight seasons with the club that is located in his birthplace.

"After so many years, you are caught in a comfort zone and it wasn't easy to remove it," said the 24 year old.

"It was all the little things that made life easy there, including the friendship of so many of the Newcastle supporters. But because I am still keen to make the Socceroos, the move to the Glory who are fifth compared to previously being in last place, will hopefully put me back in the shop window," he said.

Troy was selected for the Nintendo Superstars of Soccer Tournament early last year and on the stand-by list for the recent Confederations Cup.

"But my first priority is to do well for the Glory and hopefully make the Grand Final," he said.

Well, since it is anticipated that his lethal dead-ball skills and presence alongside Socceroo Ernie Tapai in midfield will be just what the Glory, or in particular coach Gary Marocchi has long been after, then the Glory's Ericsson Cup title aspirations could very well bear fruit much sooner than later.

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TALKING POINT

IF you were asked to define the role of team captain within any modern day sport, then the succinct definition supplied by Perth Glory's Gareth Naven is better than most in explaining the on-field motivator's role.

"On the field, particularly when we are struggling, is to show some leadership and to get the best out of the players," said Naven.

Wearing the captain's armband involves more than just calling heads or tails at the start of a match and barking out instructions to players, Naven said he also liked to be available to help out with any off-the-field problems.

"I try to act as a communicator between the players and the coach and also off the field if anyone has problems, " added Naven, "It might not be something to do with soccer, but at work and we sit down and have a chat about the problem.

"Really, it (the captain's role) involves a bit of both."

A prime example of where a captain is expected to show leadership strength is obviously when the breaks are not happening and results of late are poor.

It is not coincidental that Naven was one of Glory's better performers in the 0-0 draw with Sydney United that re-instilled the notion of commitment and working together as a team.

Neither was it accidental that prior to that crucial encounter, Naven called a players meeting to discuss what they could do to remedy the run of substandard displays.

"We had a meeting as there was some concern about how the players were approaching the game," he said.

"It was actually Gavin Wilkinson's idea that we should get together for a chat about getting the best from ourselves from a player's point-of-view rather than the coach having to do it all the time.

"But at the end of the day the players have to get themselves motivated and win games. Obviously the coach can only say so much and we are the ones who kick the ball on the field — so we have to do the business.

"I thought it was a good idea and hopefully it will help to turn things around.

"I certainly did not believe it was panic stage, but just to let everyone know that there were 14 games to go and that we must remain focussed on a top six position."

Whether it was down to re-assessing personal performances or that of the team, the difference was immediate and, ultimately, hugely satisfying for the club.

"It was a great team effort as previously we had been accused of not working hard enough, but I can tell you this, that all the boys work very hard.

"We were very unfortunate not to come away with all three points and it was a huge improvement from the previous week."

Naven is confident that once the club's injury problems have settled down — particularly in midfield — then they will likely embark on another five-match winning streak.

However, he was not prepared to use injuries as the sole reason for the series of disappointing results and said mental preparation was not what it could have been.

"We should have been more mentally prepared, tougher and maintained that killer instinct that we displayed when winning five straight.

"We should be able to maintain that form all through the season. You have your ups and downs, but you should at least minimise your downs and maximise your ups.

What is infuriating for the Glory supporters is the manner in which they comprehensively defeated pre-season favourites, South Melbourne Lakers, 4-1 but have struggled against lesser opposition.

Naven could only say: "You have to be really mentally prepared to go at them and do your job. We have lacked that intensity and running those extra 5-10 yards in closing down players.

"At this level, players will punish you regardless of whether their team is first or coming in 10th. Canberra Cosmos proved that when they defeated UTS Olympic 8-1.

Naven bluntly added, "In our team we need to do the hard work to be successful."

Time will tell whether the Glory have learned their harsh lessons of late, but the experience could prove invaluable come the end of the season.

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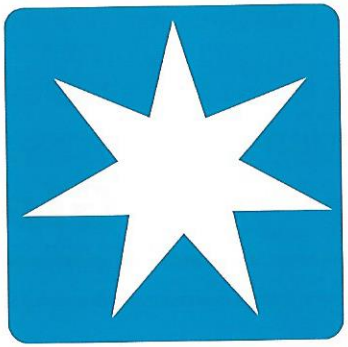

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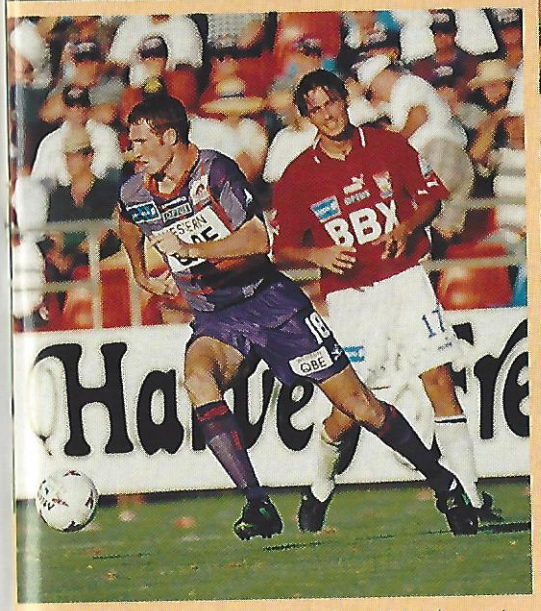
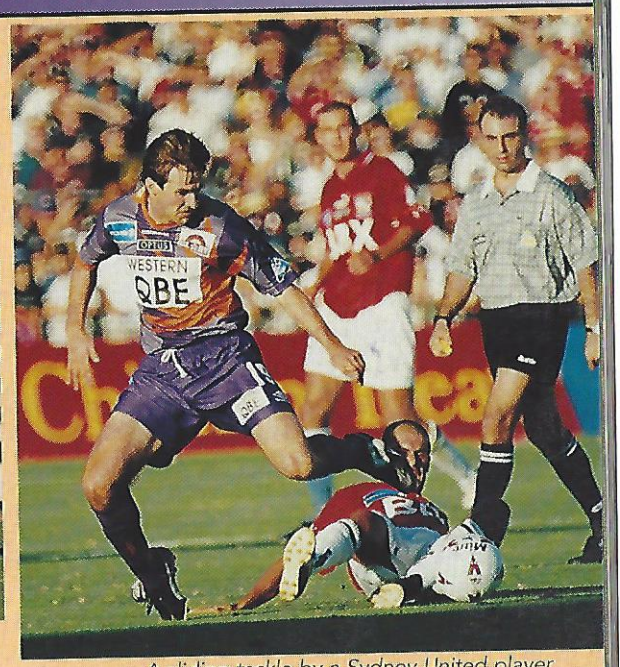
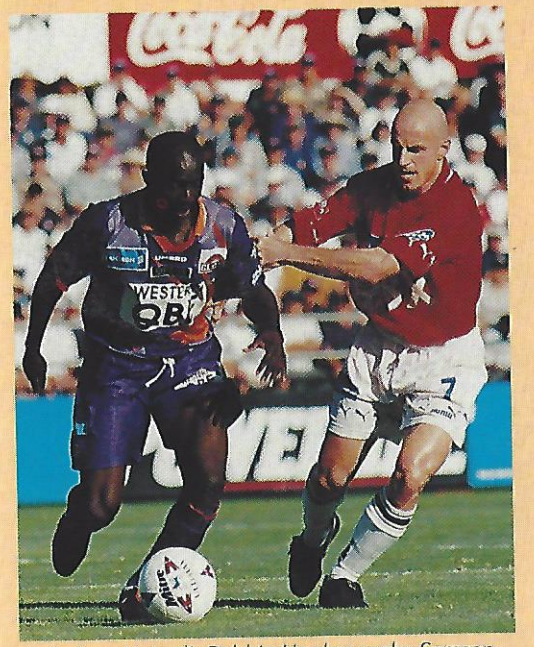


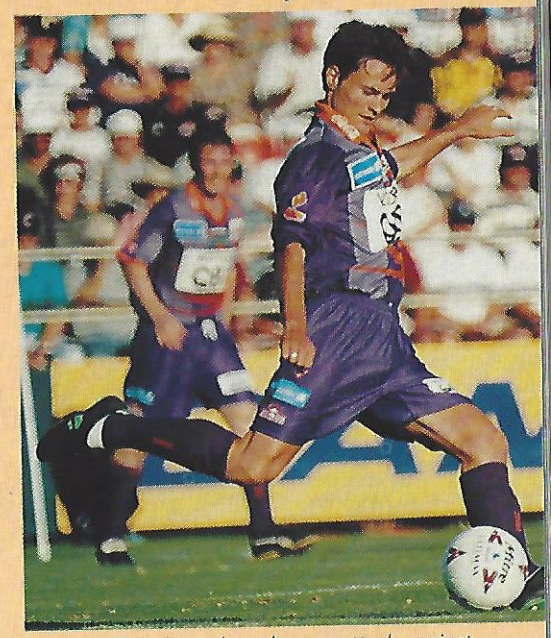
Danny Hay races past Sydney United captain Paul Bilokapic.



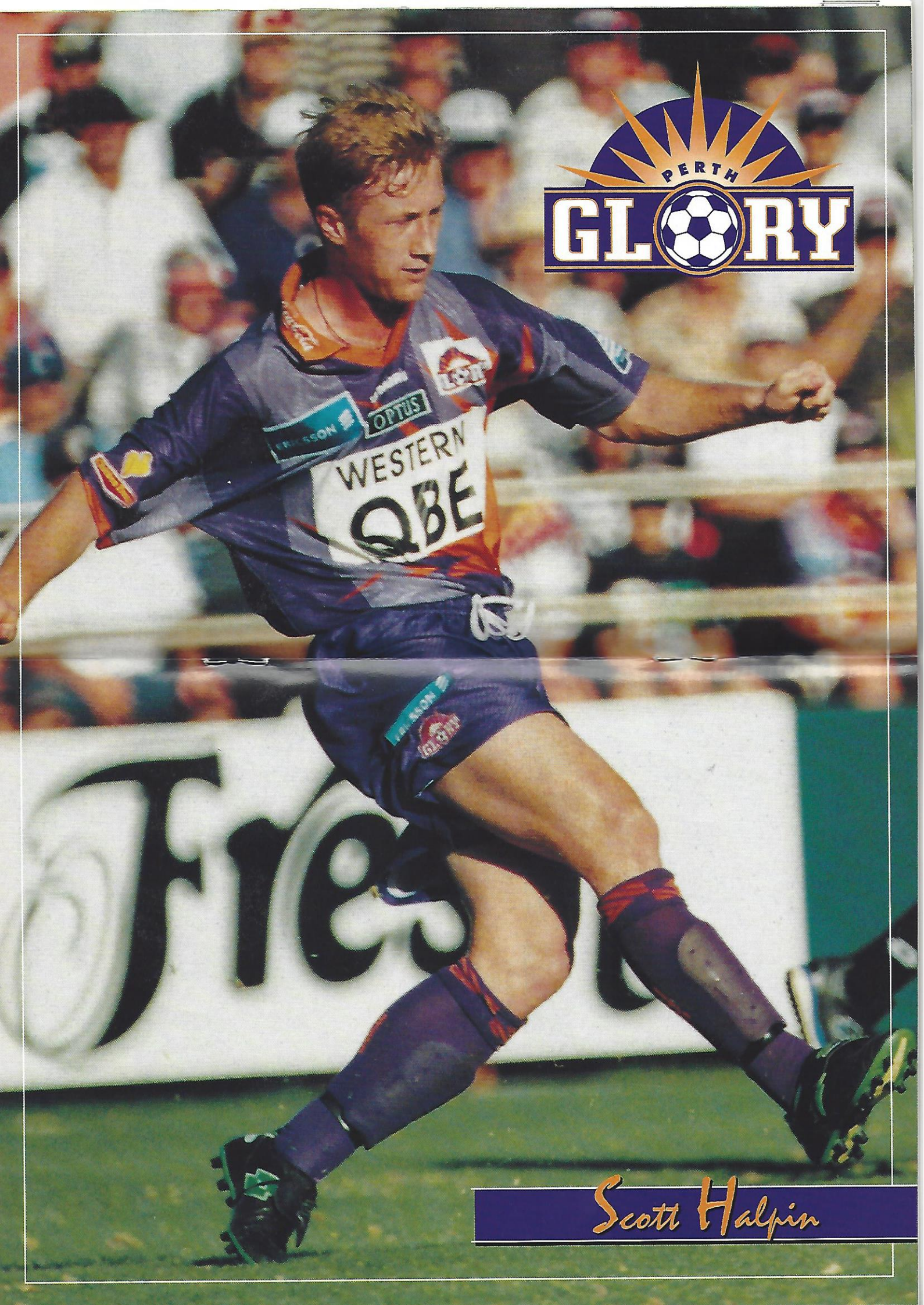
A sliding tackle by a Sydney United player foils Anthony Carbone.



Sydney United's Robbie Hooker grabs Samson Siasia's shirt.



Vinko Buljubasic launches an attack against Sydney United a fortnight ago.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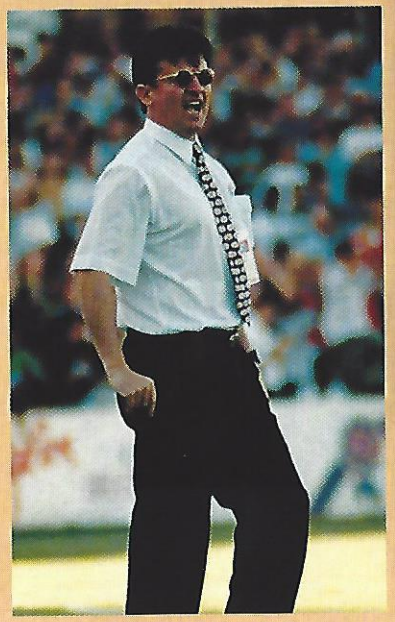
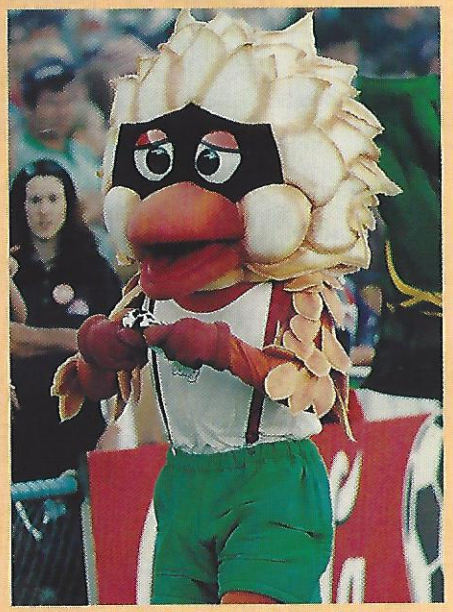
Gareth Naven, in his 50th National League game, clears from a Sydney United player.



Gary Marocchi yells out instructions during the home fixture against Sydney United.

Paul Strudwick in action against Carlton.



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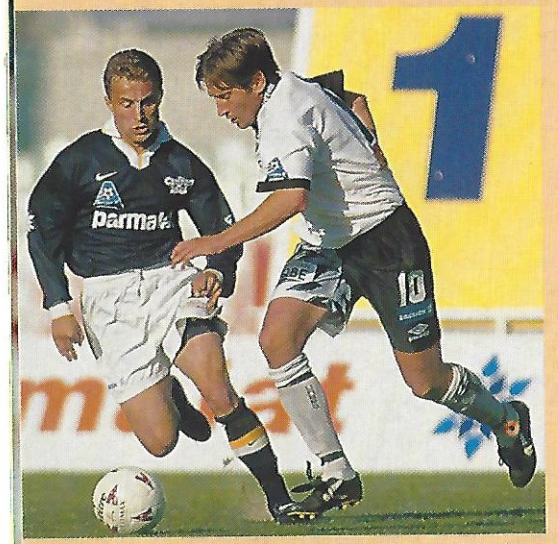
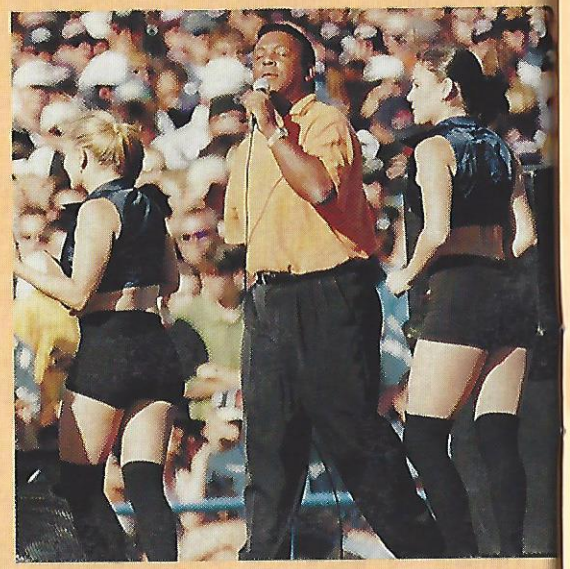
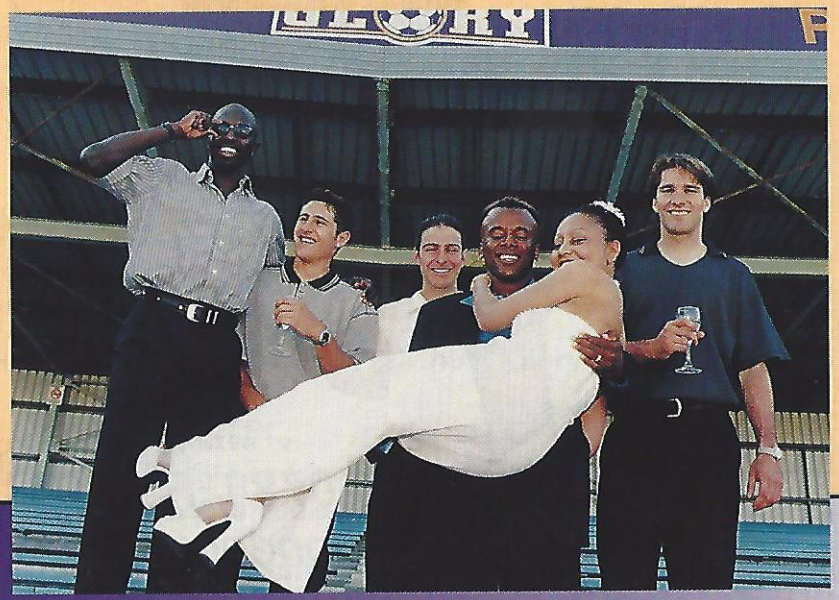


Bobby Despotovski under pressure in the first round of the season.



The dancing girls add glamour to a day at Perth Oval.

Players gathered at Perth Oval during the week to celebrate Peter and Helen Anosike's wedding. Pictured with the happy couple are (l-r) Samson Siasia, Michael Garcia, James Afkos and Tony Carbone.



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THE Queen must have caught a glance at the last Perth Glory programme, for after seeing the article on Tommy Finney she saw fit to knight him.

She was a bit late though in bestowing the knighthood on him. I come from Wigan and used to watch Preston on a regular basis. Finney has always been known to us as "Sir Tom" for more than 30 years.

He was a far better player than "Sir" Stanley Matthews. Diego Maradona shouldn't even be mentioned in the same breath as Tommy Finney. As a role model for the youngsters Maradona leaves a lot to be desired, unless of course they want to cheat or partake in illegal substance taking.

Finney was too good for his opponents. So much so they used to hack him down and kick him three feet up in the air. I never saw him retaliate, he was never sent off.

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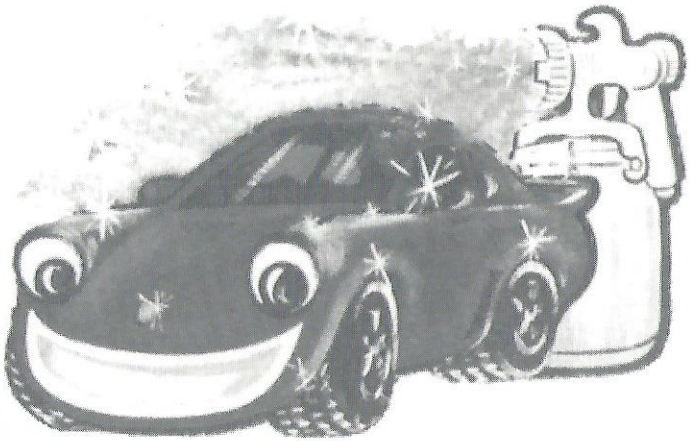

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NSL SCENE

WOLLONGONG'S Scott Chipperfield is the only player in the current season to score four goals in a match. The 20 year old attained his goals in Round 10 when the Wolves beat Canberra 8-0. Only three players have the "hat-trick" this season, Clayton Zane (Newcastle – Round 1), Abbas Saad (Sydney United – Round 7) and South Melbourne's John Anastasiadis in Round 11.

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MELBOURNE Knight's Tom Pondeljak has been credited with the fastest goal this season when it took him only 12 seconds to open the scoring against Newcastle in Round 10.

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TODAY will see two former team mates pitted against each other in Carlton's John Markovski and Perth's Scott Miller. The two played together with Morwell Falcons (now Gippsland Falcons) two seasons ago. The much travelled Markovski is with his seventh NSL club while Miller has only played with Gippsland and Perth in the NSL.

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LAST season's premiers Brisbane are suffering somewhat of a premiership hangover and are currently in 12th position on the table. The Strikers have only managed four wins and have been beaten 10 times, the most defeats of any of the clubs in the NSL. Player/coach Frank Farina dropped himself and three players for last Saturday's clash with Gippsland but it still didn't help them as they went down 1-2, the second successive loss to Frank Arok's Gippsland Falcons.

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CARLTON will be looking forward to their first visit to Perth today, the new club have averaged 3500 at their home matches and will be in for a real shock when faced by over 15,000 Perth Glory fans and the intimidation from "The Hill". The match will be important for both teams and fans should be treated to an entertaining game.

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SOCCER Australia could be announcing next week the composition of the NSL for season 1998/99 with the possibility of two new clubs entering the competition, Northern Spirit (Sydney) and an Auckland based, New Zealand team. Gippsland could be forced out (due to their financial problems) and another club could be axed to make way for the new clubs.

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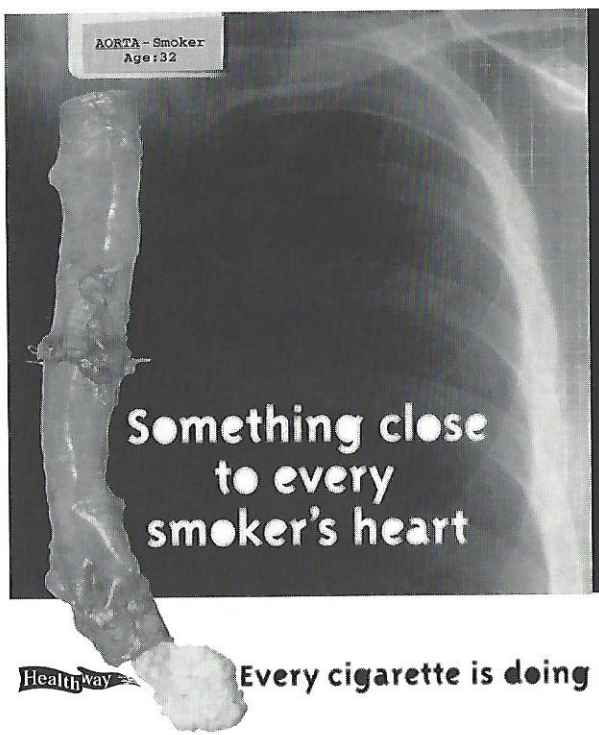

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WELL, here we are half way through the season and the crowds keep turning up in their thousands. In fact the last match against Sydney United broke our record.

Almost 18,000 screaming, singing Glory fans packed into the stadium. One wonders when we'll crack the magic 20,000 mark. I think we will very soon, that's if we can get into a winning run, and there's room of course.

Anyway enough of speculation for now, let's see who's making all the noise.

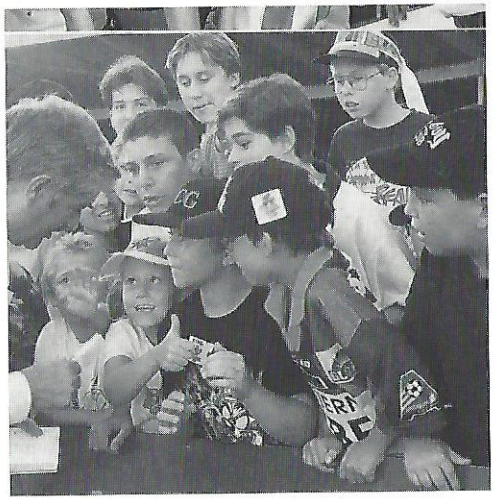
Simon and Amanda from Huntingdale, along with Beau, Brady and Daniel from Kardinya weren't doing too bad.

Colin and father, Darrell, and cousin Ryan are surrounded by fans

Further along were Kirsty, Camila, Jason, Chris and Kevin of Thornlie, with Alex of Westminster.

Here are two happy chaps. Father and son Colin and Darrell with Ryan, and why shouldn't they be? They were even enjoying the soccer they told me.

Kirsty, Camila, Jason, Chris, Kevin and Alex are just a few of Glory's young support



Simon, Amanda, Beau, Brady and Daniel chat to Glen Wood

CARLTON SOCCER CLUB – A Brief History

By ANDREW HOWE

Professionalism. The cure to the major problem of the A-league: the continuing exodus of our best players overseas. Currently there are over 100 Australian players making a living from playing the game they love throughout Europe, Asia and South America. At the 1995 Australian Soccer Summit, incoming Soccer Australia boss David Hill presented a 24-point masterplan, which included that "significant increases in full time professional opportunities for Australian footballers need to be introduced". And in 1997 a five year plan was endorsed by Soccer Australia – proposing that all A-league clubs become fully professional by 2002.

Enter the Carlton Soccer Club. On the 9th of March 1996, the day that Perth Glory were confirmed to be competing in the 1996/97 Ericsson Cup, Hill also announced that Carlton were to be accepted into the 1997/98 season. Carlton promised a fresh approach – full time players and a full time coach to supplement a professional administration team.

In January 1997 Eddie Krncevic was appointed senior coach of the Blues. His manifesto was to introduce an exciting and fresh style of play. On day one Krncevic stated "I have set goals of the highest standard for the club and all players coming to Carlton will be in a professional environment never seen before in Australian soccer".

Krncevic was the first player in the modern era to enjoy a long and successful career overseas after learning his trade in Australia. After shining in the Victorian state league, he was bought up by Marconi in 1979 for $9000. In turn he was the revelation of the 1979 national league season, and within two years jetted off to Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb for a reported $50,000. By 1986, Belgian club Anderlecht forked out $700,000 for the player. His years at Anderlecht was the pinnacle of his playing career, and was topped off by becoming the Belgian league's top scorer of the 1988/89 season. In 1989 Krncevic was sold to French club Mulhouse for $2.26 million. His overseas career also included stints with other Belgian clubs FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi, and Germany's Duisberg. Krncevic returned to his homeland in 1996, ended his playing career at Gippsland Falcons.

Carlton's advance publicity statement "it's a whole new ball game" meant exactly what it said. Whilst several A-league clubs have been promising professionalism for years, Carlton have done it that way from day one. Image consultants, daily weighings and possible fines for the players for being unshaven display Carlton's intentions off the field. And armed with a chequebook all other clubs can only fantasise about, the Blues have been able to sign up a quality inaugural squad – who have been able to train full time since the middle of 1997. From the beginning, the pressure of success has been set very high.

1997 pre-season publicity reached a climax with the announcement that Italian dairy group Parmalat were to pump a sponsorship of $1 million into the club. Parmalat are renowned for their investment with major clubs around the globe, including Italian giants Parma, Uruguayan glamour team Penarol and Universitad Catolica of Chile.

Another unique and highly regarded aspect of Carlton Soccer Club is the adoption of an official 'feeder club' system. Prior to their first game in the Ericsson Cup, Carlton had adopted eight metropolitan Melbourne soccer clubs plus the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association on the NSW-Victorian border. These clubs were all required to meet stringent selection criteria.

After four years in the making, Carlton successfully launched its Ericsson Cup career on the 4th of October 1997 with a 2-1 victory over Perth Glory.

But the club does not hide the fact that their ultimate ambition is not the Ericsson Cup. Confederation neighbours Asia, with their booming economies and gigantic population base, represents a stage many times bigger than Australia. It is a very enticing stage for Carlton. The possibility of regular competition against Asian teams in some form of Oceania/Asian/Pacific club tournament is becoming more realistic every year. Hyper-inflationary player endorsements and television rights seen in the other Australian football codes recently could be a mere pittance to what Australian soccer has to offer in the near future. Carlton aim to show the way – and in the meantime this baby club has set a standard that has left most other Ericsson Cup clubs lagging behind already.

Carlton Soccer Club

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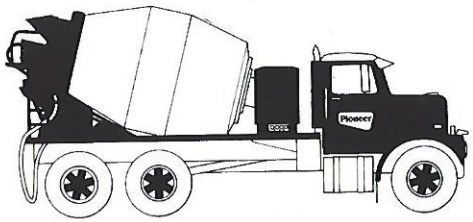

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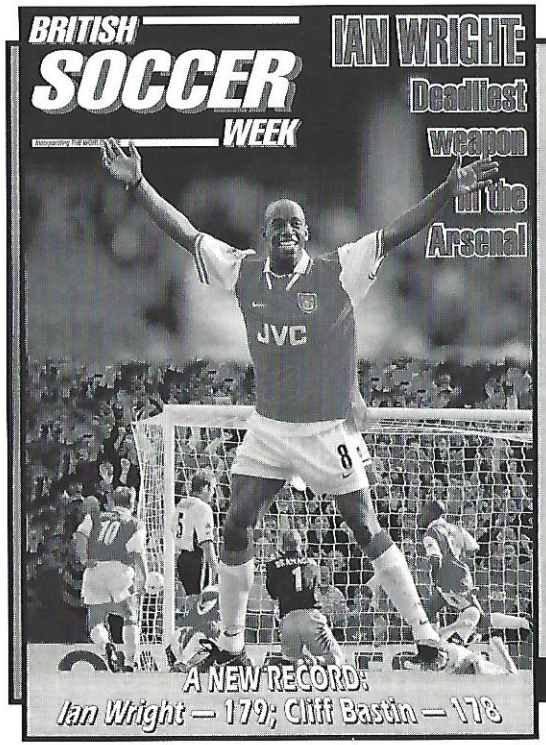

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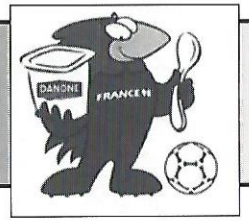

THERE were three big winners in the 1970 World Cup. The Brazilians naturally, and their king, Pele, victors for the third time after 1958 and 1962, but also football itself, with many games and individual feats entering football legend.

Those who were dissatisfied with the standard of play during the 1966 World Cup had nothing to complain about four years later in Mexico, where "the beautiful game" was really seen in all its glory.

Three of the game's all-time greatest matches were played to huge and rapturous crowds: England vs Brazil, England vs West Germany and a simply sensational semi-final between Italy and West Germany.

And nobody will ever forget Pele and his glorious attempt to lob the Czech goalkeeper Viktor from 50 metres out!

Then, just to top things off, the Brazilians, the tournament's most spectacular team, with their unforgettable front-line of Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele and Rivelinho, ran out winners.

For this 10th World Cup, the number of participating nations was again at a new high with 71 teams taking part in the qualifying rounds.

And many nations well-grounded in World Cup experience didn't make it past the qualifiers, including Portugal, Hungary, France, Spain and even Argentina. Israel and Morocco, however, made their debuts.

The Moroccans, who became the first African nation ever to qualify for the finals, were one of the star attractions of the first round along with Peru. The Peruvians, in fact, reached the quarter-finals where they held their own against Brazil before finally going down 4-2.

But THE match of the quarter-finals pitted the two 1966 finalists England and West Germany. Two-nil down with 20 minutes to go, the Germans miraculously fought back to win 3-2 in extra time.

But a fiercer and even more nerve-racking struggle awaited them in the semi-finals against Italy in the brand new Aztec stadium, built especially for the World Cup.

After 90 minutes the two teams were locked at 1-1. What followed in extra time has entered football folklore, with both teams leading at different times in a heart-stopping ding-dong battle.

Franz Beckenbauer remained on the field even with a dislocated shoulder, his arm in a sling strapped to his body. His courage, however, was not to be rewarded, as it was finally the Italians who had their way (4-3), and reached the final.

There, a tired Squadra Azzurra could do nothing to stop the rampant Brazilians, who coasted to a 4-1 win.

Carlos Alberto, the "Carioca" captain, stepped up to receive the Jules Rimet trophy, which would remain forever in Brazilians hands.

Pele, in tears, was carried triumphantly on his team-mates' shoulders.

He had not only won his third World Cup winners' medal, but also played his last match in a World Cup.

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Contenders: 16
Games: 32
Goals scored: 95
Average: 2.96
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HOT SHOT MORI

Socceroo and Adelaide City marksman Damian Mori notched up his 100th National Soccer League goal last weekend when he scored the third in a 3-1 triumph over championship rivals South Melbourne at Hindmarsh Stadium. Mori, 27, is the youngest striker to reach 100 goals. Current all-time leading netbuster Rod Brown scored his century at the age of 29, whilst John Kosmina scored his 100th at the age of 28. Mori has become the 7th striker to reach 100 goals, scoring at a rate of 0.461 goals per match, second only to Frank Farina, Brisbane Strikers player-coach, who scored his ton at an average of 0.559 goals per match.

STAN SAYS NO

West Ham United's Perth star Stan Lazaridis gave manager Harry Redknapp a new years gift by revealing he won't be returning down-under to join Terry Venables' Australian squad for the Optus four-nation tournament in February, containing Japan, Chile and South Korea, all of whom are qualifiers for France 98. Stan was heavily involved in the World Cup qualifiers with Iran, and the Confederations Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, much to the frustration of Redknapp who was compelled to release Stan under FIFA instructions regardless of the plague of injuries that had hit the club at that time. "I have already told Terry that I want to concentrate on my job at Upton Park" said Stan. "I'm here now, I want to do well and keep the team up there". Stan supplied John Hartson with the match winning goal in last Saturdays third round tie with non-league club Emley. While on the Confederations Cup, according to reports from London, it is likely the competition is to be staged on a biennial basis with Australia being the hosts in 1999.

BRAZILIANS AT PERTH OVAL!

Yes, do not adjust your set folks, Brazil, albeit the Olympic squad, will take on our national under-23 'Olyroos' side at Perth Oval on Sunday March 15. There will no problem with the Glory, since they will be in South Australia on that day playing the Adelaide Sharks. It will be a best of three match series and an ideal tournament for coach Raul Blanco to prepare a squad of Australia's finest footballers for Sydney 2000, and then the 2002 World Cup. "This is a terrific tournament and it is perfect preparation for the Olyroos" said Soccer Australia Chairman David Hill. "Our commitment to play international fixtures in Perth has also been achieved." The tournament, an SBS-TV initiative, has been made possible with the involvement of Rivkin Entertainment and Nati promotions in conjunction with SA. After Perth, Match two will be held in Adelaide on March 19, followed by a third venue yet to be announced, two days later. The 30 selected players include the likes of Leeds United attacking-midfielder Harry Kewell, Hayden Foxe (Arminia Bielefeld-Germany), Jason Culina and Jacob Burns (Sydney United), Michael Curcija and Con Blatsis (South Melbourne), Kasey Wehrman (Brisbane Strikers), Joe Didulica (Melbourne Knights) and Clayton Zane (Newcastle Breakers).

ARISE SIR TOM

Former England and Preston North End star striker Tom Finney joins Stanley Matthews (1965), Alf Ramsey (1967), Matt Busby (1968) and Bobby Charlton (1994) on the knights' high table of football after his knighthood was unveiled last week in Prime Minister Tony Blair's Honours List. Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, sent Finney a personal letter and signed photo after watching him play for England. Bill Shankly described him as "the greatest" and Sir Walter Winterbottom, England's manager after the war said; "He was a gentleman footballer". In 1954, Finney became the first player chosen as "Footballer of the Year", and then received the honour three years later. He played 76 times for his country and retired from playing in 1960 at the age of 38. Finney, a football ambassador as Freeman of Preston, has been many things: magistrate, health authority chairman, football administrator, News of the World writer and after-dinner speaker. He has had a stand and even a pub named after him. But, above all, he has always been the "Preston Plumber" – and his only club never had to pay him more the twenty pound a week. Singer and former Watford FC owner Elton John, also received a knighthood.

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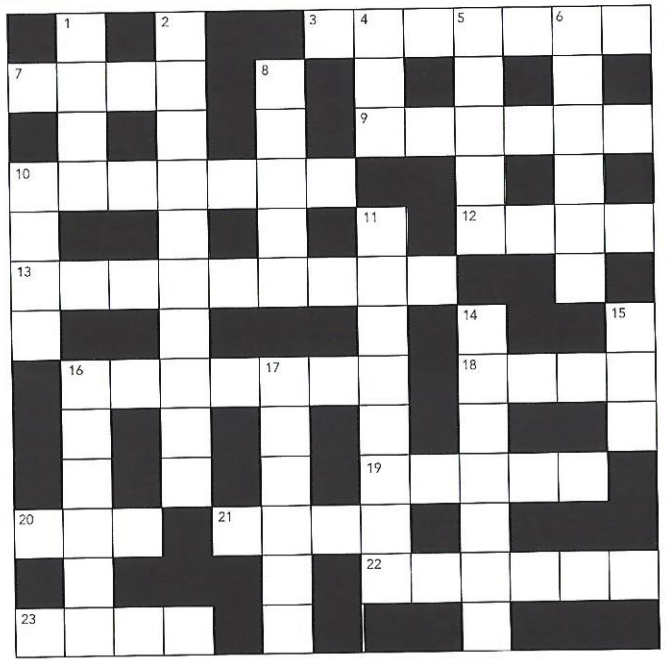

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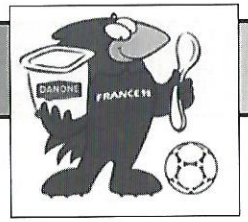

THERE will be no perimeter fences at the 10 stadiums to be used at the World Cup Finals.

Two cities – St Etienne and Lens – had been holding out against a FIFA order to bring down all protective fences, but Jacques Lambert, managing director of the France '98 committee, has claimed that both cases were now on the way to being sorted out.

Lambert said FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter "had thrown a huge spoke in the works by insisting the fences come down, and it came late as work to build or renovate stadiums was being finished."

"We have had long talks with owners of the stadiums – the local authorities. The result of these talks is that the fences will be taken down."

"St Etienne were reluctant because the club faces dire financial problems," said Lambert. He added that the mayor of Lens supported the idea of no fences, but did not want to pay for the move.

"In principle, everything will be sorted out," Lambert said.

Lambert said he was "relatively calm" about security for the World Cup. He praised co-operation with England in the anti-hooliganism battle but said it had not been so good with other nations.

Following an attempt to sabotage the power supply to the World Cup draw in Marseille last month, nearly identical to an attack on the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics opening ceremony, Lambert said special anti-terrorism measures had been taken but did not give details.

The pressure to tear down the remaining fences started at the Finals draw in Marseilles when Blatter said: "Prisoners and wild animals should be behind bars, not football fans. They are not animals.

"In October 1996 many people died in a World Cup match in Guatemala. That was nothing to do with fighting, but because they were too excited and wanted to invade the pitch.

"The fences stopped them – the fences are death-traps and caused that catastrophe."

Now the France '98 organisers have bowed to the inevitable – and FIFA's wishes – in agreeing to take down the remaining fences, despite security fears.

Those would only have increased in Marseilles, after the worrying scenes at the end of the Europe versus Rest of the World gala match.

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The "Parc des Princes" Stadium, France.

Fouls and Misconduct

FOULS and misconduct are penalised as follows:

Direct Free Kick

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
- trips or attempts to trip an opponent;
- jumps at an opponent;
- charges an opponent;
- strikes or attempts to strike an opponent;
- pushes an opponent,

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following four offences:

- tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball;
- holds an opponent;
- spits at an opponent;
- handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area).

A direct free kick is taken from where the offence occurred. * (See Law 8 – Special Circumstances)

Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above ten offences is committed by a player inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.

Indirect Free Kick

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee, commits any of the following three offences:

- plays in a dangerous manner;
- impedes the progress of an opponent;
- prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands.

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following five offences:

- takes more than four steps while controlling the ball with his hands, before releasing it from his possession;
- touches the ball again with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched any other player;
- touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate.
- touches the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate;
- wastes time.

The indirect free kick is taken from where the offence occurred. * (See Law 8 – Special Circumstances)

Disciplinary Sanctions

Cautionable Offences

A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following seven offences:

1. is guilty of unsporting behaviour;
2. shows dissent by word or action;
3. persistently infringes the Law of the Game;
4. delays the restart of play;
5. fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick;
6. enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's position;
7. deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's position.

Sending-Off Offences

A player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences:

1. is guilty of serious foul play;
2. is guilty of violent conduct;
3. spits at an opponent or any other person;
4. denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area).
5. denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
6. uses offensive, insulting or abusive language;
7. receives a second caution in the same match.

Abbas Saad (right) is all smiles after getting his second goal a fortnight ago.

EVERY credit to Sydney United for they showed the Glory how to play football at our last home game. Despite being reduced to 10 men early on in the game ... they still managed to beat us 2-0 and just to rub salt into our wounds ... in front of a record partisan home crowd to boot!

Now what about that second goal. As much as it broke the heart of every true Glory supporter at Perth Oval ... full marks to Sydney United's hot shot Abbas Saad who notched up his second goal with a spectacular lob that went in off the underside of the cross-bar to put the Pumas 2-0 up ... or did it?

It was shades of 1966 all over again. Who can ever forget what must surely be the most hotly disputed and most talked about goal ever scored in the history of football. Geoff Hurst's famous goal at Wembley in the 1966 World Cup Final between England and West Germany rattled down off the underside of the cross-bar and despite it bouncing out, the ball was adjudged to have crossed the goal line thanks mainly to keen observance shown by the Russian linesman.

Likewise, Abbas Saad's spectacular second goal for Sydney United bounced out after rattling the underside of the cross-bar too. Did it cross the goal line though? In excess of 17,000 ardent Perth Glory fans were hoping it hadn't ... but as was the case with Geoff Hurst the linesman (now referred to as an assistant referee), was on hand to observe the ball clearly cross the line and he was able to advise referee Simon Micallef accordingly.

Incidentally, concerning that much talked about controversial goal by Geoff Hurst in the 1966 World Cup Final at Wembley ... midfield dynamo Alan Ball was much closer to the action than I was on that eventful day and I questioned the World Cup hero re his views on the goal when I had the pleasure of interviewing him last year when he made a fleeting visit to Perth.

"Check out Roger Hunt's actions on the footage," Alan replied. "Roger was closest of all the England forwards and as soon as the ball bounced down off the bar, he thrust his arms in the air and turned to run back to the centre circle. He wouldn't have made that gesture had the ball not crossed the line."

So there you have it, the ball did cross the line ... and getting back to Alan Ball – well he couldn't have picked a better game to watch Perth Glory. He was a guest when Glory thrashed South Melbourne 4-1. Let's hope today Glory can rekindle some of the spirit shown in that memorable match against the Lakers and inflict a similar scoreline on our visitors Carlton today.

John Mason

A RISING STAR

THE lilting air of Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way" is certainly identifiable with James Afkos, Glory's youngest-ever player.

Afkos, who celebrated his 20th birthday six days ago, has done all the hard work himself to get where he is today.

It is known that Afkos' father, Paul, is part owner of the Glory, but family ties did not pave the way – there is no sentiment in Glory.

Afkos made his Glory debut against Canberra Cosmos three weeks ago and turned in a fine performance before suffering an ankle injury 15 minutes from time.

The unexpected call-up came when five regulars were out through suspension, injury and international duty, and Afkos grabbed the opportunity to achieve his biggest moment in soccer.

"I was really nervous and had butterflies in my stomach," he said. "But after the opening 10 minutes, and a few early touches, I gained confidence and found it so enjoyable."

Coach Gary Marocchi must have been impressed with Afkos' effort by selecting him for the following week, where again he played well.

But time will tell if a regular place can be secured for the remainder of the season.

So what is the soccer background to Glory's rising star?

"I represented northern districts at under-11 and under-12 level, then the State team from under-13 to 15, before making the WA schoolboy squad for two years," Afkos said.

He made his senior debut with Kingsway at the age of 16 and had three seasons there, before joining Floreat last year.

The biggest influence in Afkos' early days were his family, particularly his father, who gave plenty of encouragement. Another was

the former Scottish international, Francis Burns, who had a coaching spell at Kingsway.

Later this year Afkos will commence a mechanical engineering course at university, which may reduce participation in his favourite pastime outside of soccer – jet skiing at Deepwater Point.

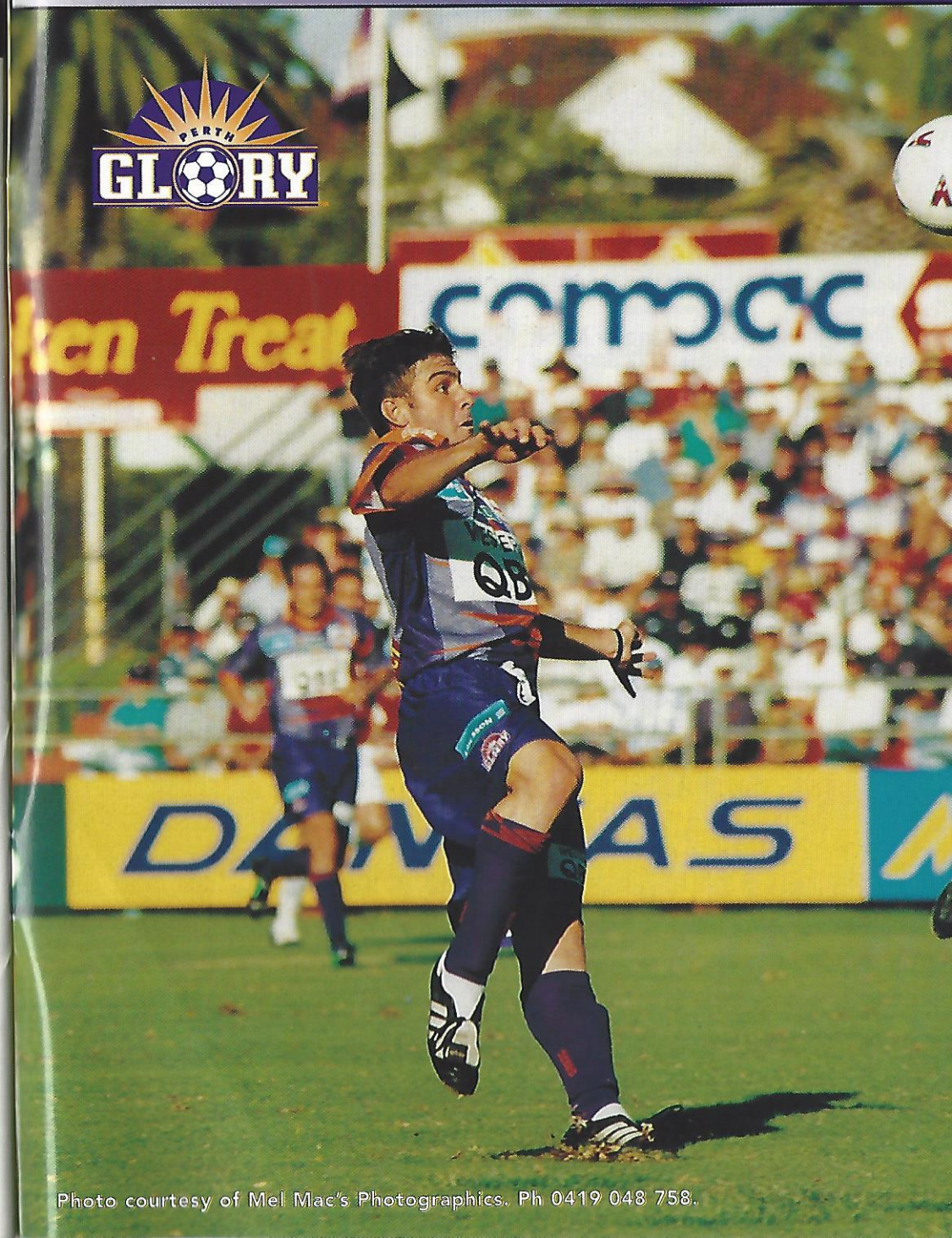
But soccer will still be to the forefront of Afkos' sporting career, and he has plenty of goals to achieve.

Not short of ambition, Afkos aims to establish himself at Glory and has even set his sights on a place in the 2000 Olyroo squad.

As if that's not enough, he has further hopes in trying his luck in England and finally to play for the Socceroos.

Yes, Afkos is ambitious, but with his positive attitude, he just may make all those dreams come true.

JAMES AFKOS



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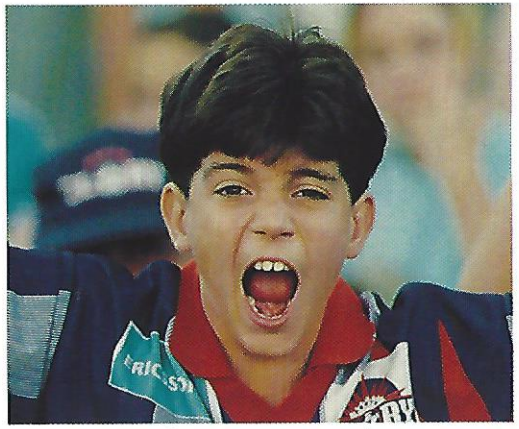

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